## THEATRE TICKET **GOUGING IS MADE** MORE DIFFICULT

New Orders to Collector Edwards Will Give Managers a Jolt, Too.

LAW EVASION TO CEASE.

Government Takes Steps to Put End to the "Rubber - Stamp" Trick,

By Sophie Irene Loeb.

That the Washington authorities are determined to give all possible aid to William H. Edwards, Collector of Revenue, in apprehending violators of the law as to theatre tickets, is evidenced by despatches received from the capital that will be nothing short of a bomb in the camp of the theatre ticket profiteers.

The most important of these new orders will wipe out the graft at botels and such similar places, where tickets are purchased for as high as 500 per cent, and more over the price printed on the tickets.

The proceeding has been as follows You go to a hotel to purchase ticket for a theatre, and if the hote basn't the ticket on hand the hotel gives you an "order" for the seats and you pay the botel the price they ask, which is always considerably above the actual price of the ticket, according to the popularity of the at traction at the theatre.

You take this "order" around to a theatre and they give you the seats. All that the hotel has done for you in this instance is to telephone, for which you have peid a usurious rate.

The violation of the law in this case, according to the Washington authorities, is that the price you paid the hotel or some such other place has not been clearly set forth somewhere on the ticket, which must be done in accordance with the revenue statute.

After this order is made to-day, eliminating this process, there is only one way to meet the requirements o the law, and if this way is resorted agers generally disclaim.

'order' from a hotel or such similar privilege of franking mail. man or such other agency on the upper left hand corner, and so likely Mrs. Henry sack of the ticket. Then it is very to attract attention." simple to understand that the man-

ticket the actual sale price, the ad-mission tax paid and the total of The late Senator Hawley of Connec-such price and tax. (3) Whenever an admission toket or card is sold at a place other than the ticket office of velocity to prove the control of the contro

## Society to Help Stage Boxing Bouts; "Buds" to Usher Patrons to Ringside IN PHONE RATES



REFORMS RECALLED

Fifteen Years Ago "Economical Methods" Brought Trouble for Himself and Senator.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.-Observers

of the campaign of the Rev. Wilbur the movement to "take the sun out n the District of Columbia looking a Blue Sunday amendment to the out if Dr. Crafts is still employing the sconomical methods which brought tim and Congressmen and Senators who were subservient to him into

tion. He called numself the "Chrisit will be ample proof to the Wash- tian lobby." It was his public boas' ington authorities that the theatre that he had such influence with sports for managers themselves are in league Congressmen who were aware of his otherwise with the speculators and sanction capacity to stir up political difficulthese high prices which theatro man- ties for them in their districts that city. he had no difficulty in persuading. Upon the presentation of such an them to turn over to him their ning" at the Commodore the ushers

"I can reach a thousand people for official of the box office, to meet the a dollar," he said, "with a letter hav- Marden, requirement of the law, should write ing the autograph in fac-simile of a the actual price you paid the hotel Sanator or a Representative in the

ager is aiding the speculator to get eral Cortelyou was called to the Mrs. For if the speculator can telephone and hold a ticket for you at the box office, there is no reason why you should not be able to do it yourself.

matter in the Hoosevelt Administration of a riding of the Third Assistant Postmaster General that the matter west through the matter of the property of the control of the con especially by sending around to the matter sent through the malls by Dr. theatre the price of your tickets. Crafts was not of a sort to be carried which you did at the hotel. (A time

place other than the theket office of the theatre, or other place for admission to which it is valid, then, in addition, on the back of such ticket, the name and address of the solier."

The other order, which will further compel the actual final price paid for the ticket to be indealily written or printed on the back of the ticket, is explained as follows:

Expendence of the ticket, is explained as follows:

Several dealers in tickets have had a rubber stamp print placed on the back of the ticket, presumably to meet the requirements of the law.

This print oxnally says: "Sold at 55 cents advance" or "Sold at 55 cents advance," or some such figures, as the case may be. This method is now held by the Washington authorities to be illegal.

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### Professionals to Swap Puncher at Commodore—to Promote Athletic Clubs. New York's social, club, prosesional and financial world will be

grand ballroom of the Holel Com nodore is made into a miniature Madison Square Garden, with twenty-foot ring in the centre, the night of Dec. 14. Professionals will swap punches, and there will be the sual bottlebolders, seconds and

Thus society sets its approval on the manly art of self defense, in an effort to provide healthful athletic

will be well known young society os Munds, Mrs. Herbert Shipma

### TWO INQUIRIES ON IN BOAT FIRE THA SHELLED BROOKLYN

terious Blaze Scattering 10-Inch Missiles.

ind caused property damage. Two vatchmen, who were guarding the mmunition boat, and who were seen unning from the scene of the blowp, will be questioned by the Arms restimators and city police.

The cause of the explosion of abou venty six and ten inch sheils, aboard the steam lighter Amackassin is a mystery and authorities have

He said he stowed away abourd a tions, is meeting in one of the Judge's two days before it arrived here. He

## \$17,997,000 JUMP IS ASKED FOR 1921

Receipts to Be \$64,871,000 if Increase Is Granted, Company Shows,

Exhibits on file to-day at the reumption of the hearing before the second District Public Service Comassion on the application of the New York Telephone Company for in reased rates, show that telephone mers in Now York City will have concributed \$43,504,000 to the compan furing the year ending Dec. 31. This estimate, made by the company, is based on the earnings during the first usht months of the year.

In 1921 it is estimated by the cor any that the receipts from this city III be \$46,874,000.

If the increase in rates asked for # \$64,871,000.

This means that New York City lephone users will be asked to pay would have to pay if the presen rates are maintained.

The exhibits show that gross earnings will be \$51.178.000 Of this amount 41-2 per cent, or \$2, 167,000, is paid to the American Telegraph and Telephone Company, the parent company, as license revenue for use of instruments. The 1981 gross earnings at the present rates would be \$55,467,500, with a license revenue to the American Telegraph nd Telephone Company of \$2,349,000 if the increase in rates is granted the gross earnings would be \$73,689. 800, with Beense revenue of \$3,169,000. All these figures are from the con-

ans's own estimates: H. A. Trax, chief accountant for the elephone company, was cross examned to-day by Assistant Corporation cunsel M. M. Fertig.

the company's Investment in \$103,-0,000 in stocks and bonds, said they erating under license of the Bell Telepatents. He admitted that the Amerlean Telegraph and Telephone Company is now owner of the Bell Telephone

York company was not practically Trades Council. 'carrying these weaker sisters." refering to certain subsidiary companies sess said he had no information con-

### 13 HURT IN DAY IN AUTO ACCIDENTS

Car Turns Over When Tire Blows Out-Brooklyn Woman Is Badly Injured.

Badly Injured.

An automobile belonging to Wilmer Williams, forty-four, No. 518 Westside Avenue, Jersey City, turned over late last night when a tire blew out in Hudger Boulevard. He saith his son Williams and Boulevard Health of the Secured Some thing like a waiking delegate," sain Mr. Bucker, "but the other secured of

NOTABLE WEDDING FOR MISS BISSELL AT THE CATHEDRAL



Patrick's Cathedral will perform the marriage coremony that will unite Mica granted, the receipts in 1921 will Katherine Blasell, daughter of Mrs. Jo- there was a last minute change h

# HAS BIG FEET AND

That's One Way of Identifying Him, Says Backer, Denying Bribe Statements,

one Company, owner of most of the sions to-day in his trial for commit-Committee. He denied repeatedly the the "fad and fancies" to which the Federal and City Probe in Mys- company and thus controls the securi- statements made by Ephraim II ties mentioned. He admitted, also, that Levy that Backer said the \$25,000 in there was a fair return on the invest- bribe money turned over to him by Levy to alop a strike was to be paid When Mr. Fertig asked if the New to Robert P. Brindell of the Building

> Backer began by denying statements nade by Levy on the witness stand quired \$60,000" to settle the strike and ing Brindell as the man to whom the the State Legislature to entirely all nai payment of \$10,000 was to be

Mooney, "what you meant to telling the the Lockwood Committee that the two ment.

the last out of Seigler, No. 25 Hooper Street, hand injured.

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the said he stock and was discovered to the stock and was discovered to days before it arrived here. He was told he would get a good whipping when taken back, so divel from the told here had no had evening. He to said he swam for thirty minutes before the said he swam for thirty minutes before when the detective found him on too land the swam for thirty minutes before when the detective found him on too form of No. 317 Nour later. First third the found him on too when the detective found him on too when the detective found him on too when the detective found him on too close the found him on too when the detective found him on too when the detective found him on too close the found him on too when the detective found him on too when the detective found him on too close the found him on too when the detective found him on too when the store of the car, stopped a passing automobile and took him to Roosevelt Hospital.

John Sushilavic, motorman of the trolley, claimed the accident was unaversal to the work him way. They with the way in avoid he way. They with the way of the real contractors and the more a job car the work for the winds and the surface of the winds he way in a way of the real contractors and the more a job car the work for the winds had touched a April he went to see the work him of the winds had touched a April he went to see the work him to the work of the work Exceptions Court Justice John J. Freedman He was an attorney with offices at No. 80 Broadway and is survived by two sons and his wire.

HUGGER IN BELLEVUE.

A man believed to be Orla Nielsen, who said his home was in the Broadway and the "new strangers" before the deal was pleased for payment of money to end the trouble. An these radiatived that in a talk with Sirrued Jones April 14, before of the hirds there, was taken from the Pennsylvaria Station has night to Bellevia and placed under observation as to nic sanity. Nielsen acted in an erratic manner.

## CITY DEPARTMENTS MUST MAKE GOOD SCHOOLS DEFICIT

Cuts Must Be Made and Savings Transferred to Education Fund, Says Hylan.

department heads to make radical reductions and to transfer their savings to the public school funds. The five Borough Presidents and Aldermanic resident La Guardia have agreed in

The budget of \$345,571,330 was for nally acted on by the board. Unless dans the Democratic majority memrence Jones of Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Bissell and her daughter are living at present at the flotel detham.

Miss Rignell was graduated from Miss.

Spence's School fast year. terman August Ferrand and Witham Rockville Centre in Darkness, but F. Quinn, filed a minority report, recommending budget slashes of

The present plan of meeting the \$27. 00 deficts in the Department of ducation budget is not a direct tax sposed on the city by the State and ten collected by the state and turned ver to the Department of Education. aut a radical reduction of expenses by very city department head,

Democratic Majority Leader Willam T. Collins, who attended a conerence in Mayor Hylan's office this nake department heads meet the board offered the use of his automopublic schools deficit, will not and oust not affect salaries. Others at the conference were Aldermanic President La Guardia, President Anning S. Prall of the Board of Eduatlen; and former President of the Board of Education Arthur S. Somers. who is still a member of the Board. dark streets, the edifice was bright

useless" and Commissioner of Ac

afterward said Heindell would Pact that the appropriation allowed will tle" for \$25,000. He denied mention- suffice "until action can be taken by ish the department and merge it with Department of Finance

the only report ever submitted to the

Praise is voiced for the Republican Norough President, Henry H. Curran, in reducing his estimates. Brooklyn's Board of Aldermen this afternoon an-mounted that the only feasible plan of obtaining funds to make up the \$199.567 is made on the theory that rissioner Drennan, whose administra ion is called the "one bright spot of n otherwise notably inefficient ex-ravagant administration."

travagant administration."

More than two and one-half mil-lions are stricken from the Depart-ment of Street Cleaning's estimates. The committee recommends that the

### **AUTO HEADLIGHTS** ILLUMINATE CHURCH AT EVENING SERVICE

St. Mark's Members Are Equal to Emergency,

Automobile headlights, supplemented to tight St. Mark's M. E. Church at Rootvilla Centre, L. L. The village was plunged in darkness because of the shut-down of the electric lighting

plant for repairs. All other churches abandoned the services, but the Rev. Blehard Herarty was about to announce he would preach in the dark rather than close orning, declared that the plan to worship, when some one in the official

"We'll hitch 'em to pillars and run wires to the storage batteries in my

Other headlights were offered, and

Daughters of Isabella Christmas Bazzar.

The Christman charity bazaar of fourt Mercier, No. 414, National Order





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